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# A remark on convex and starlike functions

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Let  $A$  denote the set of functions

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$$

which are analytic in  $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ .

A function  $f(z) \in A$  is said to be starlike of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) if and only if

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} > \alpha \quad \text{in } E,$$

and it is said to be convex of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) if and only if

$$1 + \operatorname{Re} \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} > \alpha \quad \text{in } E.$$

Marx [1] and Stroh acker [4] have shown respectively that if a function  $f(z) \in A$  is convex of order 0, then  $f(z)$  is starlike of order at least  $1/2$ .

On the other hand, a function  $f(z) \in A$  is said to be strongly starlike of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) if and only if

$$\left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad \text{in } E,$$

and it is said to be strongly convex of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) if and only if

$$\left| \arg \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad \text{in } E.$$

Mocanu [2] obtained the following result.

If a function  $f(z) \in A$  satisfies

$$\left| \arg \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \gamma \quad \text{in } E,$$

then

$$\left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \beta \quad \text{in } E$$

where

$$\tan \frac{\pi \gamma}{2} = \tan \frac{\pi \beta}{2} + \frac{\beta}{(1-\beta) \cos \frac{\pi \beta}{2}} \left( \frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta} \right)^{\frac{1+\beta}{2}}$$

$$\text{and } 0 < \beta < 1.$$

After that, Nunokawa [3] also obtained the following result by applying another method of Mocanu's proof.

If a function  $f(z) \in A$  satisfies

$$\left| \arg \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha(\beta) \quad \text{in } E,$$

where

$$\alpha(\beta) = \beta + \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \frac{\beta g(\beta) \sin \frac{\pi}{2}(1-\beta)}{p(\beta) + \beta g(\beta) \cos \frac{\pi}{2}(1-\beta)},$$

$$p(\beta) = (1+\beta)^{\frac{1+\beta}{2}}, \quad g(\beta) = (1-\beta)^{\frac{\beta-1}{2}}$$

$$\text{and } 0 < \beta \leq 1,$$

then we have

$$\left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \beta \quad \text{in } E.$$

To obtain the last result, Nunokawa [3] proved the following lemma.

Lemma. Let  $p(z)$  be analytic in  $E$ ,  $p(0) = 1$ ,  $p(z) \neq 0$  in  $E$  and suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in E$  such that

$$\left| \arg p(z) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \quad \text{for } |z| < |z_0|$$

and

$$\left| \arg p(z_0) \right| = \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha$$

where  $0 < \alpha$ . Then we have

$$\frac{z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} = i k \alpha$$

where

$$k \geq \frac{1}{2} \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) \quad \text{when } \arg p(z_0) = \frac{\pi}{2} \alpha$$

and

$$k \leq -\frac{1}{2} \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) \quad \text{when } \arg p(z_0) = -\frac{\pi}{2} \alpha$$

where

$$p(z_0)^{1/\alpha} = \pm i a \quad \text{and } 0 < a.$$

Applying the above lemma, we obtain the following result.

Theorem. Let  $f(z) \in A$  satisfy the condition

$$\left| \arg \left( 1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \delta(\beta) \quad \text{in } E$$

where  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ ,

$$\delta(\beta) = \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \frac{\psi(a(\beta))}{\phi(a(\beta))},$$

$$\phi(a) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} a^\beta \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \beta - \frac{\beta (a + a^{-1}) a^\beta \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \beta}{2 (1 + 2a^\beta \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \beta + a^{2\beta})},$$

$$\psi(a) = \frac{1}{2} a^\beta \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \beta + \frac{\beta (a^{1+\beta} + a^{\beta-1}) (a^\beta + \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \beta)}{2 (1 + 2a^\beta \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \beta + a^{2\beta})}$$

$$\min_{0 < a < \infty} \tan^{-1} \frac{\psi(a)}{\phi(a)} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\psi(a(\beta))}{\phi(a(\beta))}$$

where we must take

$$0 \leq \tan^{-1} \Theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{when } 0 \leq \Theta$$

and

$$\frac{\pi}{2} < \tan^{-1} \Theta \leq \pi \quad \text{when } \Theta < 0.$$

Then we have

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right| < \frac{\pi}{2} \beta \quad \text{in } E$$

Proof. Let us put

$$p(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}, \quad (p(0) = 1)$$

and

$$g(z) = 2 \left( p(z) - \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

If there exists a point  $z_0 \in E$  such that

$$|\arg g(z)| < \frac{\pi}{2} \beta \quad \text{for } |z| < |z_0|$$

and

$$|\arg g(z_0)| = \frac{\pi}{2} \beta$$

where  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ , then we have

$$\frac{z_0 f'(z_0)}{f(z_0)} = i\beta k$$

where

$$k \geq \frac{1}{2} \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) \geq 1 \quad \text{when } \arg f(z_0) = \frac{\pi}{2} \beta$$

and

$$k \leq -\frac{1}{2} \left( a + \frac{1}{a} \right) \leq -1 \quad \text{when } \arg f(z_0) = -\frac{\pi}{2} \beta$$

$$f(z_0)^{1/\beta} = \pm ia \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < a.$$

For the case  $\arg f(z_0) = \frac{\pi}{2} \beta$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 + \frac{z_0 f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)} \\ &= p(z_0) + \frac{z_0 p'(z_0)}{p(z_0)} = \frac{1}{2} (g(z_0) + 1) + \frac{z_0 g'(z_0)}{g(z_0) + 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + a^\beta e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}\beta} \right) + i\beta k \frac{g(z_0)}{g(z_0) + 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} a^\beta \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \beta + i \frac{1}{2} a^\beta \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \beta \\ &\quad + i\beta k \frac{a^{2\beta} + a^\beta \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \beta + i a^\beta \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \beta}{1 + 2a^\beta \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \beta + a^{2\beta}} \end{aligned}$$

Then from Lemma, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \left( 1 + \frac{z_0 f''(z_0)}{f'(z_0)} \right) \\ & \geq \tan^{-1} \frac{\psi(a)}{\phi(a)} \geq \tan^{-1} \frac{\psi(a(\beta))}{\phi(a(\beta))} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\phi(a) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} a^\beta \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \beta - \frac{\beta(a+a^{-1}) a^\beta \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \beta}{2(1+2a^\beta \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \beta + a^{2\beta})}$$

and

$$\psi(a) = \frac{1}{2} a^\beta \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \beta + \frac{\beta(a^{1+\beta} + a^{\beta-1})(a^\beta + \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \beta)}{2(1+2a^\beta \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \beta + a^{2\beta})}$$

This contradicts the hypothesis of the Theorem and

for the case  $\arg g(z) = -\frac{\pi}{2} \beta$ , applying the same method as the above, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \left( 1 + \frac{z_1 f''(z_1)}{f'(z_1)} \right) \\ & \leq -\tan^{-1} \frac{\psi(a)}{\phi(a)} \leq -\tan^{-1} \frac{\psi(a(\beta))}{\phi(a(\beta))} . \end{aligned}$$

This also contradicts the assumption of the Theorem and so, it completes the proof.



Putting  $\beta = 1$  in the Theorem, we can have the following theorem.

Corollary (Marx - Strohäcker's theorem). If  $f(z) \in A$  is convex of order 0, then  $f(z)$  is starlike of order at least  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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